



## Activities: Home on the Range



*Home on the Range (The Hair-Trigger Kid)*, 1944, oil on academy board, H. 22 x W. 13.25 inches, Charles Hagens, (189301997)

### Language Arts Activities

- Think of this painting as a movie still. You are the new director of this movie and need to cast the role of this cowboy and to create dialogue for him. You also need to think about where you would shoot this movie and what kind of music should be in the background. Make sure to include all of your details so that the producer and editors will be able to approve your work and start production on your movie.
- What would your life be like if this were your job? Write a letter to a loved one explaining what your day is like, what you miss from home, what you look forward to during the day, etc.
- Using this painting, create an advertisement for a product associated with this image. What could he be selling? How can you make the association? Look into what techniques advertisers use and use some of the information you find in your writing.
- Find some of the illustrations that Charles Hagens did for the *Saturday Evening Post* and *A Boy's Life*. Choose one to critique in writing. Was Charles Hagens successful or unsuccessful in the drawing? Why or why not?

(See associated standards in Standards section)